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PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the welfare of the American family is our profoundest concern since our strength as a nation depends upon the strength of the individual families which compose it; and

WHEREAS, it is in the family, the smallest democracy, that each individual acquires early in life the social qualities that will prepare him for citizenship in the larger democracy of state; and

WHEREAS, family breakdown results in community breakdown and the welfare of the community is especially threatened by commercialized prostitution and the spread of venereal disease; and

WHEREAS, the fourth Wednesday in April will mark the twentieth observance of National Social Hygiene Day throughout the country and will focus the attention of each community on both the causes of family breakdown and the means of developing family strength:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joe Foss, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Wednesday, April 25, 1956, as South Dakota's

SOCIAL HYGIENE DAY

and do hereby call upon all our citizens to join in its observance and to forge local and state programs of education and community action designed to prevent family breakdown, to control WD, to repress prostitution and to develop individual and family strength.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed this 18th day of April, 1956.

Joe Foss
Governor

ATTEST:

Geraldine O'Neil
Secretary of State